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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1949

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

The estimated number of wage and salary earners in employment (exclusive of rural and female private domestic employees) at the end of September was 2,455,500 persons of whom males constituted 1,790,000 and females 665,500. As compared with August this represents an increase of 32,400 persons (25,600 males and 6,800 females) distributed over all States of the Commonwealth and, in general, over all industrial groups. The largest increases in the latter occurred in Manufacturing (14,000 persons) Building and Construction (4,300 persons) and in Transport and Communication (4,100 persons).

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

The September totals of Factory Employment are; Males 631,200; Females 214,800; Persons 846,000. Of the male employment the Metals, Machines and Vehicles Group employs 45 per cent. and the Food, Drink and Tobacco Group 14 per cent. together accounting for 59 per cent. of the total males. In the case of females, the degree of concentration is not so great - Clothing Manufacture (37%) Textiles (16%) Metals, Machines etc. (14%) and Food, Drink and Tobacco (13%) being the predominant groups.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

Included in the foregoing employment figures are employees of Governments and Statutory Authorities: Commonwealth Males 147,300, Females 41,900; State and Semi Government Males 325,400, Females 56,000; Local Males 58,300, Females 4,200; Total Males 531,000, Females 102,100. Persons 633,100. These figures represent an increase of 5,100 persons over the previous month (Commonwealth 1,700 and State 3,400).

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